the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Council held in Rome, Italy from 2—13 November, 2001.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. This Treaty acknowledges that the conservation, exploration, collection, characterization, evaluation and documentation of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture are essential to meet the goals of World Food Security and for sustainable agricultural development.

New institutes of ICAR in NER

2089. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new institutes established by ICAR in the North Eastern States indicating the location, dates of establishment, present status, total sanctioned staff, vacancy positions, activities till date etc.

(b) whether these institutes could not function due to inadequate staff; and

(c) if so, the action initiated and the target set to complete the recruitment process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) National Research Centre on Pig has been sanctioned at Rani, Guwahati, Assam on 22.8.2001 and the land has been acquired for its establishment from the State Government of Assam. The provision of personnel for this centre is under discussion with Ministry of Finance. Meanwhile the functions of the Institute are being managed by scientist deployed temporarily from other places and staff taken on contract.

World Bank's assistance for rehabilitation work in Gujarat

2090. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had extended support for massive earthquake rehabilitation programmes to Gujarat Government during the last year;

(b) if so, the details of assistance rendered by the World Bank to the Gujarat Government;

(c) whether the World Bank has recently sought report regarding qualitative quake rehabilitation Programmes; and

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have sought report from the State Government about the relief and rehabilitation progress after the quake and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat have informed that the State Government had signed loan agreements with the World Bank and with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The revised requirement of assistance from the World Bank is Rs.3509 crore and from the ADB is Rs.1680 crore. The State Government have also informed that an amount of Rs.724 crore from the World Bank and Rs.352.05 crore from the ADB has so far been received out of which an expenditure of Rs.627.14 crore and Rs.217.97 crore, respectively, have been incurred.

(d) The State Government have informed that expenditure of Rs. 684.10 crore on relief activities and Rs.985.70 crore on reconstruction activities, have so far been incurred.

Passage of wheat exported to Afghanistan through Pakistan

†2091. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has threatened not to allow passage for Indian wheat exported to Afghanistan *via* Pakistan alleging the wheat to be of substandard quality and infected with weevils; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the quantum of wheat sent to Afghanistan *via* Pakistan, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There have been reports that Pakistan has not been willing to provide transit facility for the humanitarian assistance of wheat, India has committed to offer to Afghanistan. The Government has been in touch with various UN agencies to work out modalities to send this assistance. As part of Indian UN Aid for Afghanistan, the Government has not approached Pakistan for transit facility.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.